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**Altar Flowers:**

- 7/7—In honor of Sean Strain's birthday,  
given by Drew Tomkinson
- 7/25—In memory of Sue Tomkinson for her  
birthday, given by Drew Tomkinson
- 7/25—In memory of Ann Muchler for  
birthday, given by Drew Tomkinson
- To order altar flowers, call the church of-  
fice by Wednesday of the week you choose.  
Leave a message during off-hours. The cost  
is \$15.*

*First United Methodist Church*

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# The Lamplighter

***Come Holy Spirit, and do your good and mighty work within and through us this day!***

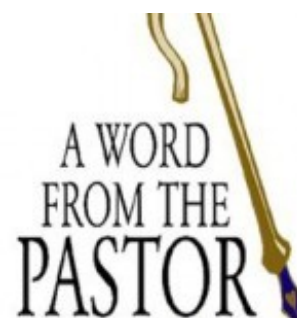
When You Pray: Practices for Prayerful Living by Ruben Job

What a great prayer! It simply invites the Holy Spirit to come into our lives and work through us. I invite you all to pray that prayer daily and see what happens.

We have just crossed the threshold from a questionable spring into summer. This transition point is significant for so many. We celebrate and congratulate all of our Graduates as they conclude a significant chapter in their life story and begin the next as they move on in their education or into the working world. Students and teachers alike, breathe a sigh of relief as they conclude another year and look forward to shifting into their summer break. And so many of us look forward to some much needed vacation/ down time, a chance to kick-back with a change from the routine and an opportunity to regroup and gain new perspective.

We may not always make the connection, but that is the Holy Spirit at work within and through us. And after this past year I think we are all ready for renewal and re-creation. Truth is, God is at work in our lives all the time but so often we are not that aware or receptive to God's guiding in our lives. I hope that you will take time this summer to stop and reflect on how God is working in your life. Where is God leading you? What is the Spirit nudging you to do, try, take on, or give up? How can God work through you to touch others?

So many of you are stepping up to ***"Be Part of a Good Thing!"*** which is our theme this year. At our half year progress check meeting there was good energy and enthusiasm as we celebrate the progress of so many of our ministries. We decided to try to identify the ripple effect we all make by being part of a good thing, not only within our church but also beyond its walls. So I hope you will take a minute to fill out the survey on page 14 in this newsletter and get it back to the church. Please list all of the things you are doing or might like to do. Including your name is optional but one of our hopes is that we may be able to match up folks with similar interests so that we can be even more effective.



And just because it's Summer doesn't mean that we stop being the church. There is a lot planned. We will continue to work to **assist Sandy Survivors**. The United Methodist Women will have their **Bazaar** on June 29. The JOY Group will have their **Appraisal Fair** on July 20. **Vacation Bible School** is gearing up for July 22-26. Spread the word to all with children and encourage them to sign up and come. We also welcome a few more adult volunteers who are willing to help out, call the church office 296-9610 or Donna Buttermore 296-2765 for more info. And don't miss our **Vacation Bible School Sunday Celebration with One Worship Service at 10:00 on July 28**. Our children will lead with their songs and program and afterwards we will share the fellowship of an **Olde Fashion Church Picnic** (only we will cheat and stay inside and enjoy the blessing of air conditioning). See details more details in this newsletter on page 10.

Don't forget we move to our **Summer Worship Services Schedule of 8:30 and 10:00 beginning July 7 through September 1**. Our big "*Back to Church*" Celebration and start up of Sunday School will be September 8.

Friends, the Holy Spirit continues to touch and guide us! I hope you will make a special effort to pray, worship and open yourself to its guiding throughout the summer. Keep inviting the Holy Spirit to fill and work through you. Please also remember that your ongoing financial support is a wonderful way to "*Be Part of Good Thing!*" and is what undergirds all that God calls us to do. Thanks!!!

Have a blessed Summer and see you Sundays!

*Grant*

Grant Buttermore, Pastor

### **July & August Worship 8:30 and 10:00 with Lectionary Readings**

**July 7-Kristopher Lioudis Preaching. *Do What Now?*** 2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30; Galatians 6: 1-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20. Communion Both Services.

**July 14-*Do This*** Amos 7:7-17; Psalm 82; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37.

**July 21-*To Abide or To Do*** Amos 8:1-12; Psalm 52 or 82; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42.

**July 28-*Vacation Bible School Celebration One 10:00 Service All Church Lunch Afterwards***. Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85; Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19); Luke 11:1-13.

**August 4-*Are You Ready?*** Hosea 11:1-11; Psalm 107; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21, Communion Both Services.

**August 11-*Wake Up Call*** Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Psalm 50; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40.

**August 18-*The Story Continues*** Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80; Hebrews 11:29-12.2; Luke 12:49-56.

**August 25-*Step Up In Faith*** Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 7; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17.

**Mark your July & August Calendars!**

**Sunday Morning  
SUMMER WORSHIP TIME**



**Changes to 8:30 & 10:00 AM**

**JULY 7th THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1st**



## Join the First United Methodist church emergency response team What are you interested in doing to help?

**Transport Team** (Do you have a vehicle such as a van or truck that could be used to transport supplies or persons?)

**Welcome Team** (Do you want to be one of the first to greet and have fellowship with our Emergency Response Teams?)

**Coordination Team** (Are you good at working with others to achieve tasks? Would you like to be responsible for helping with coordinating which homes teams will go to?)

**Operation Rebuild Church Liaison** (Do you want to be that go-to person on the home's site to relay what teams may need?)

**Paperwork Team** (Are you a very organized person and want to be handling/helping with paperwork?)

**Communication Team** (Coordinating communication with each other via email/Phone/text/etc. The go-to person to make sure families and teams have the contact information they need.)

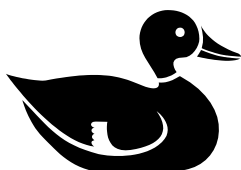
Sign-up sheet is in the narthex of the church on Sunday mornings  
or call the church office at 296-9610

**Side-Note: Prayer Team** (We are all a part of this team and we need to pray for one another about how God is leading us to help in this clean-up process).

## DECOY SHOW RALLY MEETING

Sunday, August 4th at 11:00 am

*This is a church-wide fundraiser. Please support it as you are able with your donations & participation.*



*The Decoy Show runs September 28th and 29th. Because of O.C. Health Department regulations, we will again be baking and wrapping all baked goods in a commercial kitchen. In lieu of home-baked goods, we are asking for monetary donations to purchase ingredients (think bakeless bake sale!) along with the beverages listed below. There is a container in the narthex for donations; they may also be delivered to the church office (marked accordingly).*

*This has always been a successful fundraiser – with your help, despite the challenges, it will continue to be successful!*

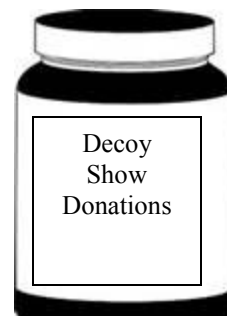
**Beverages:** \*Cans of Coke, Diet Coke, Coke Zero, Sprite, Diet Sprite

\*Nestea Iced Tea, Minute Maid Lemonade, Minute Maid Fruit

\*Punch, Dr. Pepper, A & W Root Beer, Fanta Orange Soda  
(No Pepsi products, please!)

\*Bottles of name brand water (12oz. or 18oz.)

*Beverages can be placed in the church kitchen on Sundays or delivered to the church office during the week.*



### May 5th Class:

*Ernest Frankenfield*

*Tom Grant*

*Kurt & Alyss Hess*

*Garrett & Cindy Loesch*

*Wayne Martin*

### June 16th Class:

*Bob & Kay Darrah*

*Gloria Davis*

*Matt & Jennifer Fiorucci*

*Leonard & Ann Thompson*



# The Center for Healing and Wholeness, Inc.

Please contact us at 609-296-8300 for further information

Grief Group: July 23 & August 27, 7-8:30 PM, First United Methodist Church of Tuckerton  
Sandy Support Group: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays in July & August



Director: Dr. Mary Roberts, Ph.D ~ Counselors: Lynne A. Virginia,  
LMFT / Cathy Howley, Ph.D, NCC

Thank you to Dr. Mary Roberts and Lynne Virginia of our Center for Healing and Wholeness for their \$1,000 Matching Challenge gift for our Vacation Bible. And we celebrate that we have met the challenge!



## What's your passion?!

At the follow-up meeting to our Annual Reorganization meeting held a few weeks ago it was mentioned how beneficial small groups are to congregations. We currently have 2 women's groups and a men's group, Bible studies & Sunday School/VBS. We also have special interest groups such as the choir for those whose passion is singing and Liturgical Arts who use their creative talents to adorn the church. The key to forming small groups is to find people with similar interests or passions.

As you may know, my passion is gardening. At that meeting I mentioned I would love to form a Garden Club. To me, gardening is not just a hobby, it is truly a passion. It relaxes me, grounds me, and it's where I can find true inner peace. Life began in a garden and it's where Jesus spent his final hours, where he was buried and where he first appeared after the resurrection. No wonder inner peace can be found there! A garden can be as small as a potted plant to as large as an outdoor vegetable or flower garden. It can be indoor house plants or outdoor spreads. Is your passion gardening? Would you like to join a group of people with your passion. Or are you simply interested in learning more about how you can spruce up your own gardens? Give me a call or shoot me an email! I'd love to form an informal group to share our passion and share our wisdom.



At that same meeting Anna Vreeland announced she was forming a Summer Yoga Class. Details of that class can be found at the bottom of this page.

Now that I have shared my passion and desire to form a small group, and told you about Anna's new group, what about you? **What's YOUR passion?** Would you like to form a small group to share your passion? If you have an idea, call the church office and I'll be glad to inform the congregation. You never know –there just may be some others happy to share their interests.

**Just an added note on the church grounds.** Thanks to everyone who has been taking a turn on the riding lawnmower. The sign-up sheet is in Mott Hall-above the water fountain. The gardens also need some attention and unfortunately, I am physically unable to tend to them this year as I have in the past. They desperately need weeding, pruning and preening! I know it's a huge job—we have a lot of garden space, but many hands make light work. Please call the office if you are able to help out. If you are not sure what needs to be done, give me a call and I'll be glad to show you.



*Carol Scurman*



## Christian Yoga Program-Summer 2013

*"Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10*

Beginning July 11<sup>th</sup> through August 29<sup>th</sup>, Anna Vreeland, who is certified through the AAAI/ISMA, will instruct a Woman's Christian Yoga class on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30pm. (Please bring your own yoga mat.)

A Christian approach to yoga is a Christ-centered pursuit of physical healing and spiritual growth through a practice of yoga. This Christian approach to yoga simply allows us to combine these two essential goals: becoming physically healthy and spiritually healthy. We become more spiritually healthy through the yoga practice by calming our minds and quieting ourselves to the point that we can tune out the world's frequency and tune into God's frequency. (Outstretched Inc. Jubilee Shores UMC, Fairhope, Alabama)

**Calling all women (all ages) to join the classes. No yoga experience necessary-newcomers encouraged & welcomed!**



## A Summer Prayer

Thank God for his multi-colored, many splendored creation - for scarlet roses, purple cabbage, yellow daisies, red tomatoes.

Thank God for the excitement in variety - for sunrise and sunset; for rains, some gentle, some pouring; for mushrooms and for mountains; for clothes right for fun and for clothes to dress up in; for soft, pillowy clouds; for dramatic, towering

clouds; and for rainbows.

Thank God for beautifully different people - for short ones and tall ones, for thin and not so thin, for young and not so young, for listeners and talkers, for dark skin and light.

Thank God for gifts and givers, and for His gift - love in Jesus Christ.

"For all that has been, thanks!  
For all that will be, yes." Amen.



*Cut here and fold paper on line, standing it up around prayer candle, being careful to keep the flame away*

### Prayer Candle Ministry

Candles have always been an important symbol in the Christian Church. In ancient times, a candle was left burning over the church altar to symbolize the presence of Christ among us. The Prayer Candle, as in the past, symbolizes Christ's presence among us and in our lives. It is Christ's presence who gives us the holy assurance of God each day of our life.



### How to Use Your Prayer Candle As a Prayer Light

Decide on a time that is best for you. Some light the candle at meal time as a reminder that Christ is known to us in the breaking of the bread. Some light the candle in the morning, some in the evening. Some have a special place, some among everyday things. Some bring an unlit candle to work as a reminder. Some purchase battery-operated candles for hospital and sick rooms. Each finds the best time and place. The most difficult is to begin and to find what is best for you. Some suggestions for beginning are: to find a quiet place where you can sit or kneel comfortably, think about all the things that have been on your mind during the day, try to put them gently to one side. Do not pretend they do not exist, but try to make a space so that you can give your whole attention to God. Light the candle, then just sit for a few minutes, enjoying the warmth and light of the candle. Read a prayer, think about God, think about God being with you in silence. Your stillness and your attentiveness are prayers. Share your life with Christ. End with the Lord's Prayer. Let the candle be a reminder of the presence of Christ, who brings light into our lives and that God holds us gently and quietly in his love.

### Community Outreach

**CONTACT of Ocean County**-Helpline # is 609-693-5834 / CONTACT (in collaboration with United Way) provides the 2-1-1 information and referral service for community resources.



**Southern Ocean County Habitat for Humanity** - call 609-296-3198 to learn about exciting volunteer opportunities.

**The Salvation Army** works through First UMC to help families in our community with emergency assistance. Your monetary contribution enables this mission to continue. Checks should be made out to the "Salvation Army" and placed in the offering on Sunday or delivered to the church office. Money donated will be used to help Tuckerton area residents with emergency needs.



**Interfaith Health & Support Services**—call 609-489-0278 to learn about exciting volunteer opportunities.

**Cleaning for a Reason- Free for Chemo Patients** - go to their website to learn more: <http://www.cleaningforareason.org>

**Emergency Food Distribution 2 Locations**: Radio Rd., next to the Senior Center—open weekdays from 2:00 to 4:00 pm (296-1345) and 161 E. Main St. (former Village Shops), Tuckerton - open Monday, Thursday & Saturday: 9 am – Noon (294-4777).



Monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate or sent to the church office. Please make checks payable to the "Greater Tuckerton Food Pantry." Donations of nonperishable food can be brought to the church on Sunday, or to the pantry on weekdays when they are open. Please check expiration dates of cans and boxes. The first Sunday of each month has been designated as our Sunday to bring in donations. They can be left at the designated areas in the narthex, just inside the double doors. They are currently in need of **peanut butter & jelly, soup, mac n cheese, tuna, canned pasta, toilet paper.** **Supermarket gift cards and cash donations are always welcome (please make checks payable to the "Greater Tuckerton Food Pantry."**

**PRAYER REQUEST****DATE** \_\_\_\_\_**Name** \_\_\_\_\_**Address** \_\_\_\_\_**Reason** \_\_\_\_\_**Requested by** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_***OUR HEALING MINISTRY***  
***please remember in prayer:*****PLEASE KEEP YOUR CHURCH "IN THE LOOP!"***Phone or email the church office if you or someone you know is facing surgery or going through a difficult time and would like prayers.***Nursing Home / Rehab:** – Emeritus: Loretta Murphy ~ Seacrest: Frank Greiner, Barbara Crowley ~ Other: Ross Wilson, Catherine Borthwick, Dale Gray, Shirley Nelson.**Homebound & Under Dr.'s Care:** Sharon & Sam Balas, Bill Barneman, Gwen Buttermore, Nicole Buttermore, Kathy Clayton, DePalo Family, Julio DeSantos, Dan & Daniel Doka, Thomas Driscoll, Robert Foster, Frank Greiner, Al Grayson, Ted & Evelyn Hamrick, Rich Hoeh, Nicholas & Christina Jillson, Bryan King, Jason Kolecki, Nancy Lake, Sam Leifried, Lorraine Lowe, Dick & June March, Joe Marshall, Bill Marshall, Marlee Matta, Reub Morey, Carol Nigro, Todd Nugent, Agnes Pharo, Pete & Debbie Pharo, Jane Plump, Gayle Pote, Grace Richmond, Fred Riley, June Rosewall, Faye Salmons, Trish Schuster, Jeanne Sebastian, Phyllis Spooner, Jacob Steinhauer, Michael Steinhauer, Steve Senko, Ed Varley, Eileen Walton, Brian Whitlock, Dan Woolson, John Wright. .**Prayer Candle and Prayer Chain Requests:** Trish Schuster, Fay Salmons, Sam Leifried, Paul Hauser, Gail Torosian, Jessica Nixon, Linda Abbott, Bob & Ann Ziegler, Robert Roge, Mary Bryant, Cathy Ross, Bill Barneman, Rita Archer, Terry & Ronnie Snyder, David Bramhall, Nicholas Jillson, Maria DeCorce, Agnes Pharo, those continuing to struggle from Sandy & the victims of the Oklahoma tornado.**In the Service:** Scot King, Sammy & Alicia Maresca, Matt Patterson, Paul Kaiser III, Alex Tonnesen, Thomas Bonner, Tim Wode, Ryan Richards, Matthew Bishop.**Missions:** Greater Tuckerton Food Pantry, Family Promise, Camden Neighborhood Center, the Salvation Army.**A Service for Healing** is incorporated with a Service for Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month at both services. Individuals are invited to kneel at the communion rail after receiving communion to share a prayer with the Pastor and anointing of Healing Oil if you would request it.**Our Eucharistic Ministry** –Eucharistic Ministers visit shut-ins on the first Sunday of each month to deliver communion. This month Communion was shared with 8 residents in Arcadia Nursing Facility, 17 residents in Seacrest, and 4 residents at their homes. If you know of a shut-in wishing a visit, or are interested in learning more about being a Eucharist Minister, please contact the church office. (Shut-ins may be temporarily homebound due to surgery or illness or permanently disabled.)**Prayer Chain**—If you would like to join the FUMC Prayer Chain (email or phone), call the church office.

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**FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST UMC****YOUTH GROUP**– meets Sunday evenings, 6:30 to 8:30 during the school year. Contact person is Anna Vreeland (812-0467). See the Youth Page for special events during the summer.**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN** - will resume meeting in Mott Hall on Tuesday mornings: weekly for crafts at 9 / monthly at 10 on the 3rd Tuesday for a business meeting in September. Contact person Betty Kolarik (296-6829).**JOY GROUP** meets the third Tuesday each month, 7:00 pm, in Mott Hall. Breakfast Fellowship meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month at 7:00 am, at the Dockside. All events open to all women. Contact person Carol Scurman (296-9610).**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP** meets the third Sunday of each month, 7:00 am, at the Dockside Café, S. Green Street. Contact Jim Norberg (206-5030). All men welcome.**CHRISTIAN ED OPPORTUNITIES - Sunday School** for ages 2 through adults will resume meeting on Rally Day, September 8th. Contact person Alison Sanford (857-3530).



Building communities, strengthening lives.

Our church is scheduled to Host the Family Promise guests the weeks of 9/15 and 11/17. Due to the limited number of host churches, there are a number of weeks that don't have any churches scheduled to host the guests. Our last two times to host all of the families had been able to secure new housing and we didn't have any guests. If we can get enough volunteers we would like to volunteer to cover the week of 8/4. If you are willing to provide meals or stay overnight, **please fill out the form below and drop it in the church office or email me at [FIHappel@comcast.net](mailto:FIHappel@comcast.net)**. I will be away the week of 8/4 so I would like to get the volunteers set up as soon as possible. If there is interest, our Director would be willing to come down and provide volunteer training. Please see her note below on our progress and our recent support for families displaced by hurricane Sandy.

Thanks for your support,  
Frank Happel



*Family Promise of Southern Ocean County has been assisting children and their families since 2009 . Over the years we have mobilized many people from area congregations and community groups that have volunteered their time and compassion to help our guests move from hopeless to hopeful, all from the random acts of kindness that our volunteers provide to our families.*

*With the aftermath of the storm many of our volunteers were affected either directly or indirectly with their homes, families or jobs. Many congregations stepped into action assisting the community with many needs. By mid January Family Promise was full, hosting 14 children and their parents that were affected by the storm. Over the past 7 months, we have interviewed over 35 families in need and assisted an additional 44 families of which 29 where directly storm related. During the past 18 months, all the families that have been in our network have secured housing for their families. This is primarily due to all of the support that is received by our wonderful volunteers and all of the support that is given to our families.*

*Some of our congregations are still helping with the recovery efforts. Many have taken on hosting volunteers from all over the country. This has put many limitations to our efforts in helping the families that we serve. We are in great need of assistance from other congregations for shelter, and volunteers to provide meals and serve as an overnight hosts. If you interested in assisting with our efforts please contact us at 609-994-3317 or your church coordinator Frank Happel at 609-296-1944 or [FIHappel@comcast.net](mailto:FIHappel@comcast.net). Thank you.*

*Cheryl Polo  
Director, Family Promise of Southern Ocean County*

**Family Promise Signup sheet for week of August 4th**

Name (Please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address and or Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check any or all that apply:**

- I would be interested more information about or be willing to help as:
- Host Volunteer Coordinator - recruit and coordinate schedule for volunteers to cover all shifts.
- Meal Coordinator – coordinate balanced meals without duplication.
- Supply and Donation Coordinator – keeps supply of staples stocked.
- Dinner Preparers/Evening Hosts – (5:30 pm to 8:30pm) Prepare hot meal for 6:30. Socialize with guests, if desired, help with homework, etc. Dates available: \_\_\_\_\_
- Overnight Hosts – (8:30 pm – 6:00 or 7:30 am) If desired, socialize with guests, sleep overnight and be available to assists in case of emergency. Dates available: \_\_\_\_\_
- Saturday Breakfast Host – (7:00 am – 8:30) Prepare hot breakfast for guests. Lock-up and return key.  
Dates available: \_\_\_\_\_
- Set-up and restore facilities – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday unload trailer and set up residence. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday load trailer and restore Sunday School.

# July / August Schedule

First Service

Second Service

First Service

Second Service

**NURSERY**

**READERS**

|      |                              |            |
|------|------------------------------|------------|
| 7/7  | Russell & Mary Lou Mathis    | OPEN       |
| 7/12 | OPEN                         | OPEN       |
| 7/21 | OPEN                         | Lynne Born |
| 7/28 | One Service at 10-Dee Abbott |            |
| 8/4  | OPEN                         | OPEN       |
| 8/11 | OPEN                         | OPEN       |
| 8/18 | Dan & Deb Mathis             | Lynne Born |
| 8/25 | OPEN                         | OPEN       |

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|------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| 7/7  | Sharon Zolna                    | Laverne Marshall |
| 7/14 | Dan Mathis                      | Alison Sanford   |
| 7/21 |                                 | Julie Shutz      |
| 7/28 | One Service at 10 Nancy O'Neill |                  |
| 8/4  | Sharon Zolna                    | Kris Lioudis     |
| 8/11 | Dan Mathis                      | Laverne Marshall |
| 8/18 |                                 | Alison Sanford   |
| 8/25 | Keegan Vreeland                 | Julie Shutz      |

*There are several open weeks. Please call Dan & Deb Mathis at 296-9786 if you would to volunteer in the Nursery.*

*Would you like to be a Reader?  
Call the church office at 296-9610.*



**GREETERS**

|      |  |                                |
|------|--|--------------------------------|
| 7/7  | Russ & Mary Lou Mathis                     | John & Nancy O'Neill           |
| 7/14 | Bunny Baumann & Cary Varn                  | Louisa Fisher & Lynne Born     |
| 7/21 | Earl & Liz Sutton                          | Pat Mathis & Barbara Wilkinson |
| 7/28 | One Service at 10:00 Bill & Marilyn Schust |                                |
| 8/4  | Betty Kolarik & Dorothy Farissier          | John & Nancy O'Neill           |
| 8/11 | Russ & Mary Lou Mathis                     | Louisa Fisher & Lynne Born     |
| 8/18 | Bunny Baumann & Cary Varn                  | Pat Mathis & Barbara Wilkinson |
| 8/25 | Earl & Liz Sutton                          | Bill & Marilyn Schust          |

**USHERS**

|      |  |                                   |
|------|--|-----------------------------------|
| 7/7  | Sharon Morey & Drew Tomkinson                          | Steve & Kathy Sabo                |
| 7/14 | Kurt & Alyss Hess                                      | Greg Rosewall & Robert Phillip    |
| 7/21 | The DeValls  | Larry & Dottie Mathis             |
| 7/28 | One Service at 10:00 Sharon Morey & Kristopher Lioudis |                                   |
| 8/4  | The Michaelsons  | Steve & Kathy Sabo                |
| 8/11 | Sharon Morey & Drew Tomkinson                          | Greg Rosewall & Robert Phillip    |
| 8/18 | Kurt & Alyss Hess                                      | Larry & Dottie Mathis             |
| 8/25 | The DeValls  | Sharon Morey & Kristopher Lioudis |

*Please call Laverne Marshall at 296-8530 if you would be interested in being a Greeter for either service.*

*If you would like to serve the church as an usher, please call Bud Cranmer at 296-5627 or the church office at 296-9610*

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

|      |   |
|------|---|
| 7/7  | Cary Varn & Bunny Baumann<br>Jim Norberg & Lynne Born   |
| 7/14 | Carmel & Megan Smith                                    |
| 7/21 | Earl & Liz Sutton                                       |
| 7/28 | The Vreeland Family                                     |
| 8/4  | Carmel & Megan Smith<br>Laverne Marshall & Kris Lioudis |
| 8/11 | The Vreeland Family                                     |
| 8/18 | Bunny Baumann & Cary Varn                               |
| 8/23 | Earl & Liz Sutton                                       |



*Please contact the church office at 296-9610 if you would be interested in learning more about our Eucharistic Ministry.*

**ACOLYTES**

|      |              |                 |
|------|--------------|-----------------|
| 7/7  | Aiden Walsh  | 9/1             |
| 7/14 | Brianna King | 9/8 Luke Mathis |
| 7/21 | Luke Mathis  | Shane Mathis    |
| 7/28 |              |                 |

8/4 Aiden Walsh  
Jacob Sanford  
8/11 Carter Mathis  
8/18  
8/25 Brianna King

*If your child is in 2nd grade or older and would like to be an acolyte, please, please call the church office at 296-9610.*

**OUTREACH VISITATION SCHEDULE**

July ~ Bake-Kathy Clayton / Visit-Lisa Truitt  
August ~ Bake & Visit / Patty Jillson



*Please call Laverne Marshall at 296-8530 if you are interested in joining First UMC's Outreach Visitation Team.*



## CHURCH MOUSE



Dear Valued Readers,

Well, here we are in summer 13. We mice like to sit in on the monthly church meetings. The Treasurer gave his report; some months are better than others. Carol King is working on a project—a report with pictures of all the opportunities available to friends and members of our church. We will need a copy for relatives new to the area.

There's lots of great things planned for the summer. The UMW Bazaar date is June 29th. We put in our hoagie order—everyone loves those UMW hoagies! The JOY Group's Appraisal Fair/Luncheon is on July 20th. We aren't sure what we plan on bringing to be appraised. We were listening at the last JOY meeting about the menu-sounds quite tasty! VBS runs from July 22nd to the 26th. I heard that's going to be a blast! Then on Sunday the 28th they will lead worship—just one service at 10:00 followed by a picnic lunch for everyone! We can't wait!! We're bringing the cheese doodles! Did you hear about Anna's Christian Yoga classes on Thursday nights from 7-8:30 starting July 11th? We got our mats and water bottles ready.

We've got birds nesting in the living cross in the front of the church. We also now have a church turkey. His name is Wesley and he's quite a celebrity. The other morning we watched as he got a police escort to cross the street in front of the church office. There was a police car from Tuckerton blocking north bound traffic and a police car from Little Egg blocking south bound traffic.

It has been so rainy the pool hasn't been fixed. We hope it is on top of the Trustees list of things to do. We expect our pool to be great.

We see the Food Pantry building going up in the back of the church. What a great looking building.

Some of Tuckerton Beach and Mystic Island have been repaired and several relatives have moved back. It looks like a good summer. We hear the fishing is good! Enjoy your summer!

### *The Church Mouse*



*Appraisal Fair Luncheon*  
*Saturday, July 20 ~ \$20.00*  
*Beginning at Noon in Mott Hall*  
*Sponsored by the J.O.Y. Group*

*Mark your calendars to join us for an afternoon of good food, fellowship and surprises. The cost of your ticket includes a delicious luncheon prepared and served by the J.O.Y. Group and the appraisal of one item by a professional appraiser.*

*There will also be a silent auction of four items, including an original framed water color by Carol Freas.*

*Proceeds go to the missions of the United Methodist Church.*

*Call 609-296-9610 to purchase tickets or for more information. Seating is limited.*

**Adult Sunday School  
 resumes this fall.**

The book we will be using is Moses - Steps to a Life of Faith by Bob Saffrin. It traces some of the significant events of Moses' life, showing how God used an ordinary man and shaped the events of his life to bring him to the place where he could be mightily used to accomplish God's purposes.

You are invited to join us on Sunday mornings, 9:45, in the front of the sanctuary to learn about how God built faith into a man. God created everyone one of us for a purpose. This book is about knowing God's dream for our lives and believing in him to accomplish it in us.

*If you wish to order a book now in preparation for the class or just for your own personal reading, please contact the church office and I'll order you a book. Cost is \$15.*

Carol Scurman (296-9610)

# VBS IS COMING JULY 22-26, 2013

## 9am-12:30pm

### Ages 4 through Grade 6



Many thanks to those who participated in our fundraiser and to all of the volunteers who will make this week possible (we can still use some volunteer help). There is scholarship money available if you know anyone who would like to attend but may not be able to afford the cost. The fee for registration is \$10.00 for each child with a family cap of \$20.00. Registrations can be brought to church on Sundays or to the office during the week right up to the week of VBS, July 22nd – 26th.

*There will be 2 training meetings in Mott Hall—one on Sunday, July 14th at 11am, & one on Monday, July 15th at 7pm. ALL youth who are planning to help and all new adult volunteers (and anyone who would like a refresher course) **MUST** attend one of these sessions.*

Our craft leaders ask that you donate the following item:

- \*Coffee cans (any size)

Our snack leader asks for donations of :

- \*100% juice

**A personal invitation to the whole congregation: On July 28th there will be one service at 10:00am. You are all invited to attend the Sunday celebration when we will present our VBS closing program. This will be followed by an all-church picnic. Please bring a side dish and join the fun!**

Sincerely,

Julie Shutz and Donna Buttermore

## VBS ENROLLMENT FORM FOR 2013

Parent/Guardian (Last Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (First Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Dismissal Information [Name(s) of person(s) who may pick up your child(ren) from VBS] \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church \_\_\_\_\_

**Please fill out a separate half-sheet form for each child you are registering**

Child's name (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_

### Age Information

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Grade child will be in next school year \_\_\_\_\_

### Allergies/medical information/other

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size (Circle one)    Child    Small    Medium    Large  
   Adult    Small    Medium    Large    X-Large



United  
Methodist  
Women

June is here and almost gone with the BAZAAR on Saturday, June 29th. Then the next week is the 4th of July! Now we are talking about July and August. July is full with Vacation Bible School. Have fun, kids! Maybe August will be quiet, somewhat!

Back to the women as they rest after the Bazaar. Thanks to everyone who help make our Bazaar a success. We appreciate your donation of time, talent (in the way of baking or crafts), and treasurer (monetary and white elephant donations) which all adds up to a successful Bazaar.

This has been a spring to remember for the women. Ginny Wright passed away. She used a sewing machine or a needle and thread when needed, which was often! Her niece had a memorial service for her at church.



The kitchen help is now without one of our faithful helpers, Virginia Brown. Virginia passed away May 30th. The memorial service was held on June 13th. Many were there in attendance as we remembered Virginia. Two Virginias have passed on from our UMW group. They will be truly missed.

See you in the Fall as work begins again.

*Betty Kolarik, President*

## Calling all men....

You are invited to meet at the Dockside Café, South Green Street, 7:00 am, the third Sunday of each month for a time of fellowship and good food. For more information, call Jim Norberg at 296-5030.



*The joy of the  
Lord is your  
strength.* Nehemiah 8:10

## THE JOY GROUP

The stormy night didn't put a damper on our June meeting. For those who met at the Grapevine for dinner, we were happy to see the rain let up by the time we were ready to leave. I led the program which centered on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm and Mary Ann Riley provided us with delicious home-made cookies-always a delight! Thanks, Mary Ann!

We had lots of business to discuss which included our support of the July 4th float, participation in VBS, Anna Vreeland's Women's Christian Yoga class, and preparations for the Decoy Show booth.

Our main topic, however, was the Appraisal Fair to be held on July 20th. We have a wonderful day planned with great food and lots of surprises. This year, in addition to the appraisal of one item, we are also having a silent auction which include art from local artists and Lenox pieces. Tickets will be available on Sunday mornings and at the office during the week. Cost is \$20. First UMC is the JOY Group's mission, your support will help us support our church.

The JOY Group (and Bud) assumes the responsibility of the coffee cart September through June. It has become a very important part of our Sunday morning time together and would most likely be missed if it wasn't there in between services. The Kincaids and the Cranmers have again agreed to prepare coffee for the summer months. I'm sure they would welcome help from an individual, a couple or even a group that would consider taking a turn for a week or two during the summer months. There will be a signup sheet on the coffee cart. I will be happy to walk you through the set up and take down.

Next Meeting-is July 16th – Jane Moeller will lead the program. Breakfast fellowship is July 14th, 7am at the Dockside, S. Green St. All women are welcome to join any or all of our events.

*Carol Scurman*

## Calling All Church Members of House of Hope & First United Methodist Church

*“Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.” -Matthew 18:19-20*

Prayers are very powerful and it helps if we pray for each other. No matter what language your primary language is, prayer and love is universal. If you are interested in putting your name on the list for prayer partners, call Carol Scurman in the church office at 609-296-9610 or email Sarah Grant: [Poughkeepsie816@comcast.net](mailto:Poughkeepsie816@comcast.net)





## JENERATION YOUTH GROUP SUMMER 2013 EVENTS:

### July

**Thurs. 4th:** Independence Day Parade. Walkers are needed to carry the church banners.

**Sun. 7th:** Volunteer day at Arcadia Nursing Home 1:00-2:00

**Tues. 9th:** Volleyball on the Ocean City Beach! We'll be leaving the church at 5:30 and returning by 11:00. Sponsored by CADY, we'll play with other south jersey kids, have a devotion and walk to boards. Call me. Chaperones/drivers are needed!



**Sun. 14th:** Worship at Six at Central UMC in Linwood. 5:15-9:30ish.  
We'll go out to dinner afterwards!



**Mon. 22nd-Fri 26th:** Vacation Bible School! 8:45-12:30. Helpers are always needed to round up these kids! Let me know if you can help us out!

**Tues. 23rd:** Volleyball on the Ocean City Beach! 5:30-11:00. Call me to sign up!

**Fri. 26th:** Community Game Night! 6:30-9:00 for grades entering 6-9.  
Invite your friends for a night of games, prizes, food and fun! **SPREAD THE WORD!**

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**Mon. 26th:** Pool Party at the Vreeland's! \$5 covers the cost of pizza and drinks!  
RSVP 5:00-8:00



**Tues. 27th:** Volleyball on the Ocean City Beach! 5:00-11:00. Call me to sign up!

### **September~Sun 1st: CAR WASH!!**

To sponsor our high school youth going to Senior Youth Conference next week. 11:00am-2:00 pm Please bring any old towels you have and wear your sunscreen! Call to sign up!



# Congratulations! 2013 Graduates!

## Elementary School

Adriana Contreras  
A.J. Grayson  
Luke Mathis  
Lauren Rocheskey

## High School

Daniel Beykirck  
Nicholas Caruso  
Mark Crosson  
Daniel Disbrow  
Devin Eddy  
Ariella Iovine

## College

Melodie Jillson  
Scott Morris  
Megan Wilkinson



## July

*Please contact the church office of incorrect or left out dates. Thank you!*

### Happy Birthday

### Happy Anniversary

3-Shelley Brown Griffin  
4-Barry Roy  
    Carla Baker  
5-Donald Lelion  
    Grant Buttermore  
    Shannon Mullin  
6-Kathy Clayton  
7-Beverly Errickson  
    Shirley Nelson  
8-Mary Ann Riley  
    Robert Acquiviva  
    Michael Georgieff  
9-Luz Castillo  
11-Barbara Wilkinson  
12-Joan Sprague  
    Jim Bower

13-Cliff Clayton  
14-Patricia Polak  
17-Russell Mathis III  
    Don Wilkinson  
18-Dawn Mathis  
    Jenna Rongo  
19-Ryan Mullin  
20-Marjorie Johnson  
    Alyssa Leek  
    Marie Baker  
    Joseph Ventresca  
    Theresa Michaelson  
21-Eiben Rocheskey  
22-Aron Morey  
23-Phyllis Kincaid  
24-Craig Keple

Doug Willey  
Kevin Kincaid  
25-Nicholas Jillson  
    Laverne Marshall  
    Diane Willey  
27-Cody Steinhauer  
    Joan Simpson  
    Shirley Leek  
    Daniel Disbrow  
28-Monica Happel  
29-Christine Richmond  
    Marilyn Schust  
    Emily Jacondin  
30 Louis Foster, Jr.

8-Bob & Charlene Smith  
    Joseph & Tricia Brown  
9-Rick & Hilda Howlett  
    Henry & Helen Mossor  
    Rafael & Luz Castillo  
17-Bud & Avis Cranmer  
19-Eiben & Dorothy  
    Rocheskey  
19-Ken & Vera Naylor  
20-Jim & Jean Bower  
22-Russ & MaryLou Mathis  
24-James & Deborah Allen  
    Leonard & Ann Thompson  
26-Frank & Monica Happel  
    Brian & Stacy Mathis  
29-Bill & Jean Flesche'

## August

### Happy Birthday

### Happy Anniversary

#### **Happy June Birthday**

1 - Laraine Acquiviva  
2 - Lauren Rocheskey  
3 - Tim Watt  
5 - Charlene Smith  
    Joe Scurman  
6 - Julie Shutz  
7 - Velma Giger  
    Joy Kolecki  
9 - Sam Leifried  
    Todd Jillson  
10 - Melissa Steele  
11 - Bob Darrah  
13 - Bruce Wilkinson  
14 - Brian Mathis

15 - Sherry Miller  
16 - Matthew Lelion  
    Sarah Grant  
    Jesse Rae Fromosky  
17 - Bryan King  
18 - Marc Walsh  
    Grace Lord  
20 - Christopher Bush  
21 - Jennifer Sulzmann  
    Brandon Skeie  
    Evelyn Hamrick  
22 - Barbara Mathis  
23 - Brenda Hayes  
    Robert Grant  
24 - Chris Huch, Jr.

Victoria Eddy  
25 - James Allen, Jr.  
    Patty Jillson  
    William Flesche'  
26 - Allura Miller  
27 - Sally Watt  
    Elizabeth Michaelson  
28 Sofia Matta  
    Monica Happel  
29 Kevin Cranmer  
    James Sacco  
30 - Lisa Boney  
    Brenda Harvey  
31 - Dylan Rocheskey

4-Bill & Marilyn Schust  
10-Frank & Melissa  
    Beykirch  
12-Kim & Evette Heinle  
18-James & Barbara Dolan  
21-Ed & Gabriele Carll  
    Sam & Barbara  
    Wilkinson  
23-John & Helen Brown  
25-Joe & Laverne Marshall  
30-Fred & Mary Ann Riley  
31-Steven & Judith Frost



# The Star Fish

Based on the story by Loren Easley...

I awoke early, as I often did, just before sunrise to walk by the ocean's edge and greet the new day. As I moved through the misty dawn, I focused on a faint, far away motion. I saw a youth, bending and reaching and flailing arms, dancing on the beach, no doubt in celebration of the perfect day soon to begin.

As I approached, I sadly realized that the youth was not dancing to the bay, but rather bending to sift through the debris left by the night's tide, stopping now and then to pick up a starfish and then standing, to heave it back into the sea. I asked the youth the purpose of the effort. "The tide has washed the starfish onto the beach and they cannot return to the sea by themselves," the youth replied. "When the sun rises, they will die, unless I throw them back to the sea."

As the youth explained, I surveyed the vast expanse of beach, stretching in both directions beyond my sight. Starfish littered the shore in numbers beyond calculation. The hopelessness of the youth's plan became clear to me and I countered, "But there are more starfish on this beach than you can ever save before the sun is up. Surely you cannot expect to make a difference."

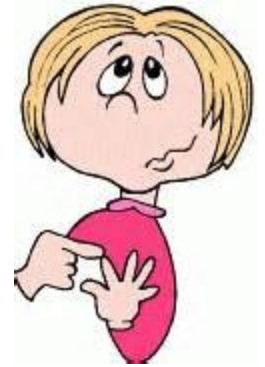
The youth paused briefly to consider my words, bent to pick up a starfish and threw it as far as possible. Turning to me he simply said, "I made a difference to that one."

I left the boy and went home, deep in thought of what the boy had said. I returned to the beach and spent the rest of the day helping the boy throw starfish in to the sea.

## WE'RE COUNTING OUR MINISTRIES!

Are you volunteering at First United Methodist Church (office work, Family Promise, usher, greet, Eucharistic Ministry, gardening, etc.)? Or are you helping in other ways outside of our church (Food Pantry, Habitat for Humanity, hospital shop, animal rescue, checking on neighbors, providing rides to the doctor / store, etc.)?

We would like to know so we can determine how far we as First United Methodists are extending our ministries and missions. Please cut out the insert below and bring it to church with you to place in the offering or stop by the church office or mail it by September 1<sup>st</sup> to the church office at 126 N. Green St., Tuckerton, NJ 08087. "Let's be Part of a Good Thing!"  
Thank you!



## WE'RE COUNTING OUR MINISTRIES!

Please note below all the ministry and outreach of which you are a part. You can list more than one!

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Your name (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

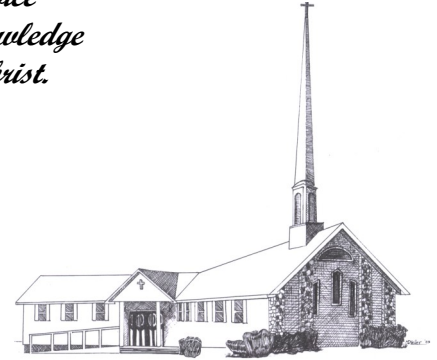
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|  | 1<br>7p-Trustees                     | 2<br>7:30p-HOH Prayer Meeting                                      | 3                                | 4                            | 5<br>10a-Thrift Shop Auxiliary   | 6<br>10a-Sandy Support Group                        |
| 7-Eucharist Sunday<br>Guest Speaker Kris Lioudis   | 8<br>7p-Church Council               | 9<br>5:30p-Youth Volleyball<br>7:30p-HOH Prayer                    | 10<br>7p-Cemetery Mtg.           | 11<br>7-8:30p-Christian Yoga | 12   | 13  |
| 14<br>7a-Women's Breakfast Dockside Café<br>11a-VBS Mtg.<br>5:15-Youth Worship at Central UMC  | 15<br>7p-Staff Parish<br>7p-VBS Mtg. | 16<br>7p-JOY Group<br>7:30p-HOH Prayer                             | 17                               | 18<br>7-8:30p-Christian Yoga | 19<br>7:30p-HOH UMW  | 20<br>10a-Sandy Support Group<br>12p-APPRAISAL FAIR |
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| <b>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL</b>   |                                      |  |                                  |                              |  |   |
| 28 VBS Sunday<br>ONE SERVICE AT 10a  | 29                                   | 30<br>7:30p-HOH Prayer   | 31                               |                              |  |   |
|  <b>Volunteers with Construction skills needed to help build new food pantry behind church, contact John Schwartz (335-5453) or Grant Buttermore (296-9610).</b> |                                      |  |                                  | 1<br>7-8:30p-Christian Yoga  | 2<br>10a-Thrift Shop Auxiliary<br>7:30-HOH UMW   | 3<br>10a-Sandy Support Group                        |
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| <b>FAMILY PROMISE WEEK</b>   |                                      |  |                                  |                              |  |   |
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| <b>SEPTEMBER 1ST—YOUTH GROUP WILL HAVE A CAR WASH FUNDRAISER FROM 11 TO 2!</b>   |                                      |  |                                  |                              |  |   |

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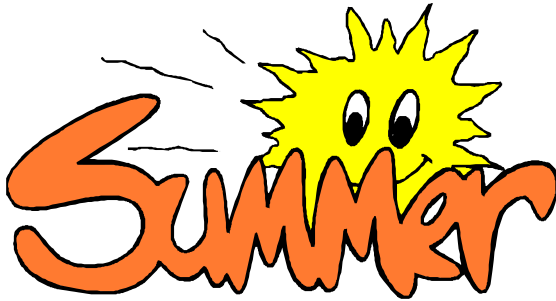
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 so that together we grow in the knowledge  
 and love of God's gift, Jesus Christ.*



*Be Part of a Good Thing*



## Summer Happenings at FUME

July 7th

Sunday Morning Worship Time Change  
 8:30 & 10:00



July 20 ~ Appraisal Luncheon—Beginning at Noon

July 22-26 ~ Vacation Bible School - 9:00 am to 12:30

July 28 ~ VBS Sunday-One Service at 10:00 followed by  
 All-Church Picnic!

August 4 ~ Decoy Show Rally Meeting 11:00

September 8th is Rally Day &  
 Back to Church Celebration!  
 Sunday Morning Times Return to  
 8:30 & 11:00  
 Sunday School Resumes at 9:45